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OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the September 2, 2004  
Restriction Requirement in the above-identified  
application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a  
Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) to extend the time  
for replying for a period of three months up to and  
including January 2, 2005.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.